GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production and procurement of wheat during the 2005-06 Rabi season is likely to be higher than previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has directed the State Governments to undertake decentralised procurement and create adequate storage space before the commencement of procurement operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the State Governments thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The production of wheat, as per the Second Advance Estimates, during crop year 2004-05 is expected to be 73.03 million tonnes as against estimated production of 72.06 million tonnes during crop year 2003-04. The estimated procurement of wheat during RMS 2005-06 is 180.00 lakh tonnes as against 167.96 lakh tonnes during RMS 2004-05.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. All arrangements for the procurement and storage of wheat and coarse cereals for the Rabi Marketing season 2005-06 have been finalized during the meeting of Food Secretaries of wheat producing States held on 8th February 2005.